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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1632

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Commissioner For Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A one-month extension of time in response to the Official Action mailed September 23, 2005, is respectfully requested to permit the Examiner further time to deal with the application.


There is submitted herewith the following:

1. Reply and Amendment;

2. Check No. 097644 in the amount of \$60.00 for the one-month extension of time (a response to the Official Action is due January 23, 2005), to permit the Examiner further time.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

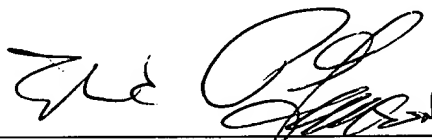
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with a Reply and its enumerated attachments and added claims fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 22, 2005.

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